GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1365
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2007
AGENCIES SENDING INDIANS ABROAD
Appadurai Shri M.;Athawale Shri Ramdas;Badiga Shri Ramakrishna;Barman Shri Ranen

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered/recognized employment agencies functioning in the country who are sending labours/workers/skilled and unskilled workers to foreign countries, State-wise;

(b) whether some travel agencies in the metropolitan cities including Mumbai, are extracting heavy amount from people in the name of offering lucrative jobs in foreign countries including the Gulf countires;

(c) if so, the number of cases which have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the details of the agencies against whom action has been taken, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government proposes to regulate and formally recruit the labourers going abroad; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) Enclosed as Annexure-I.

(b), (c) & (d): Complaints are received from time to time regarding recruitment of labourers/workers by unregistered agencies, including travel agencies, who send them abroad for work in violations of the provisions of the Emigration Act. Such cases are sent to the State Police authorities for due legal action. The number of complaints against unregistered agencies state-wise received during 2004, 2005 and 2006 is enclosed as Annexure-II. The number of prosecution sanctions issued in 2004, 2005 and 2006 is enclosed as Annexure-III.

(e)&(f): To regulate and protect the rights and welfare of the Indian emigrants, comprehensive amendment of the Emigration Act, 1983 is underway.